

Allowed Claims: 4-5, 10, 12-16, and 18.

Examiner's Amendment/Reasons for Allowance

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Zev Levoritz on August 28, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. Claim 5, line 3, change "the step" to --a step--; and
2. Claim 10, line 15, before "a step" insert --further comprising--.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Specifically, with reference to independent claim 4, none of the prior art either alone or in combination disclose or teach of the claimed bifocal plastic lens specifically including, as the distinguishing feature in combination with the other limitations, at least part of the claimed interface by a peripheral edge portion of the small lens being chamfered with a curved surface having a curvature lower than the curvature by portions of the small lens other than the peripheral edge portion in order to prevent the edge of the small lens from being conspicuous. Specifically, with reference to independent claims 10, none of the prior art either alone or in combination disclose or teach of the claimed bifocal

plastic lens specifically including, as the distinguishing feature in combination with the other limitations, a step located as claimed within claim 10, the small lens being truncated thereby forming a truncated edge, with the step comprising a material having a refractive index such that a light ray incident on the step is reflected, and the curvature of the step is less than the curvature of the small lens.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jordan M. Schwartz whose telephone number is 571-272-2337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on 571-272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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